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SUBJ/CELLULAR TELEPHONE POLICY

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NARR/REF A IS PART 634 OF THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS TITLE 32,
MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC SUPERVISION.//
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GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. TO ALIGN WITH DOD POLICY, THE USE OF HAND-HELD CELL PHONES WHILE DRIVING ON NAVY REGION SOUTHWEST INSTALLATIONS WILL BE BANNED EFFECTIVE 15 MAY 2006. I HAVE DIRECTED THERE BE A 30-DAY EDUCATION AND PROBATION PHASE ON THIS NEW POLICY, WITH PUNITIVE ACTION TAKEN STARTING 15 JUNE 2006.

2. ACCORDING TO LEADING INDUSTRY EXPERTS AND SEVERAL EXTENSIVE STUDIES, THE USE OF CELLULAR TELEPHONES WHILE OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES GREATLY INCREASES THE LIKELIHOOD OF VEHICULAR MISHAPS. USING CELL PHONES WHILE DRIVING HAS BEEN PROVEN TO BE A DISTRACTION CAUSING SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED REACTION TIMES, INATTENTION AND DRIVER MISTAKES. IN ADDITION, THE USE OF CELLULAR TELEPHONES IN MOTOR VEHICLES IS ASSOCIATED WITH A QUADRUPLING OF THE RISK OF A COLLISION DURING THE BRIEF PERIOD OF A CALL.

3. BASED ON THIS RESEARCH AND GUIDANCE RECEIVED FROM COMMANDER NAVAL INSTALLATIONS COMMAND (CNIC), ALL MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS ON NAVY REGION SOUTHWEST INSTALLATIONS AND OPERATORS OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED VEHICLES WILL COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

A. DRIVER USE OF A HAND-HELD CELLULAR PHONE IN A MOVING VEHICLE, EXCEPT FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE OR LAW ENFORCEMENT/SECURITY PURPOSES, IS HEREBY PROHIBITED.

B. THE PROHIBITION AGAINST USING HAND-HELD CELL PHONES DOES NOT INCLUDE HANDS-FREE CELLULAR PHONE DEVICES. HANDS-FREE DEVICES INCLUDE CONSOLE/DASH-MOUNTED OR OTHERWISE SECURED CELLULAR PHONES WITH INTEGRATED FEATURES SUCH AS VOICE-ACTIVATION, SPEED DIAL, SPEAKERPHONE, EARPHONE, OR OTHER SIMILAR TECHNOLOGY FOR SENDING AND RECEIVING CALLS.

C. AS A REMINDER, DRIVER USE OF ANY PORTABLE, PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICE (EXCLUDING HANDS-FREE CELLULAR PHONE DEVICES) WORN INSIDE, AROUND OR COVERING THE DRIVER'S EAR, WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE, EXCEPT FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE OR LAW ENFORCEMENT/SECURITY PURPOSES, IS PROHIBITED. LISTENING DEVICES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO WIRED OR WIRELESS EARPHONES AND HEADPHONES FOR CD/MP3 PLAYERS, BUT DO NOT INCLUDE HEARING AIDS.

4. THIS POLICY DOES NOT EXTEND TO TACTICAL VEHICLES OR TO THOSE VEHICLES THAT ARE NOT TYPICALLY USED FOR THE TRANSPORT OR CONVEYANCE OF PERSONNEL OR COMMERCIAL GOODS.

5. THIS POLICY WILL BE ENFORCED BY BASE SECURITY. VIOLATIONS OF THIS POLICY WILL BE SUBJECT TO ACTIONS PER REFERENCE (A), PARAGRAPHS (D) THROUGH (G).

6. THIS POLICY IS BEING ENFORCED DOD WIDE AND HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED IN ALL REGIONS CONUS.

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